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1. The DDR Zentrales Konstruktions Bureau (ZKB), at present, has about 350 employees. Planning for rolling mills has been taken from ZKB and assigned to ABUS Schwermaschinenbau Wildau VEB. In addition, employees of ZKB in Berlin have been transferred to ZKB offices outside of Berlin; these include Leipzig, Martin Lutherring 13; VVB Mansfeld-Eisleben; Freiberg, Saxony; Maxhütte Unterwellenborn; Stahl- und Walzwerke Brandenburg; EKO-Furstenberg/Oder; EKW Calbe/Saale.
2. ZKB is currently designing large tipping cars for 70-ton railroad carriages. These are to be constructed as flatcars of the lowest height. The cars are to have sides 600 millimeters in height; the sides are to be removable. Each car is to be mounted on two trucks, each truck having three axles and a pivot point where it connects to the car bed.¹ The cars are suitable for heavy loads such as tanks; they appear to have been designed to carry two medium-size tanks. The order for these cars was given to LOM Wagonbau Niesky VEB and, tentatively, amounts to 1600 cars. Allegedly, the DDR placed the order.
3. Two engineers have appeared at ZKB from West Germany; they are reported to have been members of the SRP² who broke with Otto Remer and who now sympathize strongly with the SED.
4. The former Panzer general Martin Lattmann, now employed in the Ministry for Machine Construction, made a propaganda speech at the ZKB in favor of a national army. He met with violent opposition, especially on the part of former officers, a large number of whom are employed in ZKB. When Lattman referred to the obligation of defending the DDR unquestioningly, protests of the ZKB people became so great that Lattmann had to leave the hall.

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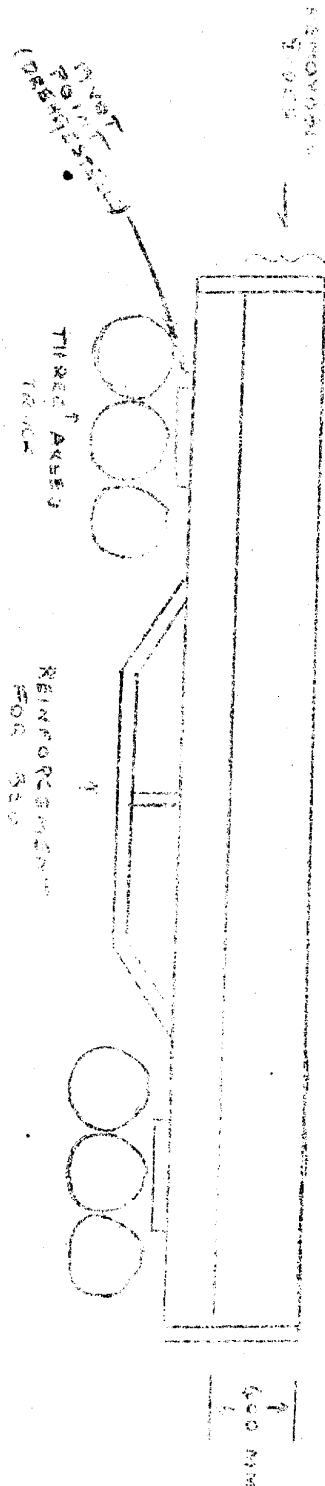
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